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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2007 that made restriction requirements.

**Status of the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks and arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.